

## **News Release**

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## NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

~ Application Deadline is October 15, 2013 ~

RICHMOND, VA – Today is National Voter Registration Day, and the goal is to ensure that anyone who is eligible to vote will be able to do so in November. The deadline to apply to register to vote in Virginia for the November 5, 2013 election is October 15, 2013. Virginia residents are encouraged to check their registration status and polling place on the State Board of Elections' website at <a href="www.sbe.virginia.gov">www.sbe.virginia.gov</a>, by calling their local registrar's office, or by calling the State Board of Elections toll free at 1-800-552-9745.

Eligible citizens of the Commonwealth will now be able to submit a voter registration application or update their registration information online. Secretary Don Palmer stated: "On this National Registration Day, the State Board of Elections encourages Virginians to participate in the electoral process by going to the new online citizens' portal to register for the first time or to update their address or information. Citizens can utilize this paperless process by providing their Virginia DMV customer identifier found on their DMV issued license or identification card."

In order to complete the application process online, citizens must provide their Virginia DMV customer identifier number, which is displayed on DMV issued identification cards or driver's licenses, in addition to the information normally required on an application. Citizens who do not have a Virginia DMV customer identifier may still fill out the registration application online, but will be required to print and return the completed application to the appropriate local voter registration office.

All voter registration application submissions are subject to review and approval by the appropriate local general registrar.

Voter registration applications returned by mail must be postmarked no later than October 15, 2013. Voter registration applications completed in person at the office of a local general

registrar must be submitted by 5pm. Applications are available at the local general registrar's office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Virginia State Board of Elections' web site.

To obtain a voter registration application, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections' web site at <a href="https://www.sbe.virginia.gov">www.sbe.virginia.gov</a> or call 1-800-552-9745.